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New industry bringing 101 jobs

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An American-made door and cabinet manufacturer is creating 101 new jobs in Barnwell County.

Koch & Co., Inc., announced plans on March 9 to establish operations in the old Sara Lee building (11200 Dunbarton Boulevard, Barnwell) to produce the company's Midland Line of cabinets to serve customers along the East Coast. product," said Koch & Co.,

The company's \$5.1 million Inc. President Jim Koch. investment will create 101 new jobs.

"We are excited to be a part of the Barnwell and surrounding communities. Our company is known for its community involvement and hard work to make cabinet products that meet the American standard and pride. We are an employee-friendly company that works to improve the lives within the community, employees and customers by delivering a quality wood

S.C. Gov. Henry McMaster said the new operations "will further boost our growing manufacturing industry and the 101 new jobs created will make a significant impact in Barnwell County."

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved a \$325,000 Rural Infrastructure Fund grant to Barnwell County to assist with costs related to building upfit. "South Carolina continues

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FIVE FAST FACTS

- Koch & Co., Inc. is establishing operations in Barnwell County.
- \$5.1 million investment to create 101 new jobs.
- Koch & Co., Inc. is an American-made door and cabinet manufacturer.
- Located at 11200 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell
- Individuals interested in joining the
- Koch & Co., Inc. team should visit

the company's contact page,

kochandco.com/contact.



John E. 'J.J.' Jones of the S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association presents bullet proof vests to the leadership of the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office, including (from left) Captain Darlene Cook, Chief Deputy Carlisle Filyaw, 1st Sgt. Eric Kirkland, Lieutenant Darren Towne, and Sheriff Steve Griffith.

Bullet proof vests donated to deputies

Donna-Maria Conzalina **Contributing Writer**

"My heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place - police, firefighters and members of our Armed Forces." Sidney Sheldon

City Council revokes salon's **business** license

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Barnwell City Council revoked the business license for a local hair salon.

During a special March 14 meeting, council voted 4-1 to revoke the business license for High Maintenance Stylez, which is owned by Shonda Rivera (wife of Barnwell Mayor Marcus Rivera). The salon is located inside of the garage at the couple's home in the Meadowbrook neighborhood in the city limits.

tion that your business, High businesses in the residential Maintenance Stylez, operating neighborhood, although por at 1072 Meadow Lane, has tions of the neighborhood not halted business since the built before the covenant was decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals, dated 10/18/21, which 'ordered that the Zoning Administrator rescind the building permit previously issued, as well as the business

license previously issued.' Additionally, the business has continued to operate since the email of the attorney for the city to your attorney on January 13, 2022, advising that any operation of the business should cease or the city would continue its available options to enforce its ordinances and the BZA Order," according to a Feb. 11 letter from the city to Rivera.

While home businesses are allowed in some areas, the issue with this salon is a 1983 Restrictive Covenant that applies to certain properties in the Meadowbrook neighbor-"It has come to our atten- hood. This covenant forbids created are not governed by the covenant. The Rivera home is in the covenant.

"Heroes...who risk their lives every day ..." Think about that.

Our local law enforcement officers are indeed some of the bravest heroes surrounding us in plain sight every day. But instead of wearing showy capes as one often imagines a superhero; these servants in blue humbly do their jobs dependent on the protection of a body armor vest.

Body armor has long been recognized by law enforcement as vital equipment and aids in reducing deaths and injuries from incidents involving firearms. Statistics show that law enforcement officers not wearing body armor are 14 times more likely to die from their injuries.

"Ballistic vests, as they are commonly called, protect officers from the bullet penetration and blunt trauma associated with the impact of bullets. It is extremely important for officers to have this vital piece of equipment," said Barnwell County Sheriff Steve "Grits" Griffith.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association (SCLEOA) and South Carolina Police Chiefs Association (SCPCA) Executive Director John E. "J.J." Jones, a retired police officer out of Columbia,



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John E. 'J.J.' Jones (left) of the S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association displays one of the bullet proof vests donated to the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office. Also pictured is Barnwell County Sheriff Steve Griffith (right).

added, "In my 26 years of law enforcement I always had a bulletproof vest. I always wore it, and it gave me that feeling of protection, almost like a layer of security. I couldn't imagine a cop trying to work nowadays, in the environment now, and not having that. They shouldn't be worried about whether they're expired or if they don't fit right."

That's why on February 28 Jones honorably presented 10 Premier Ballistic Vests, with an approximate value of \$10,000, to Sheriff Griffith and his deputies at the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO).

"What SCLEOA is going to do is make sure that we get as many cops fitted and covered as possible. I take it very personally because I know how important those things are. They save lives. I don't want one cop running around the state without one that fits right and is not expired. That's what we're working towards," Jones said.

Jones represents the SCLEOA, a group that operates in Colombia that has been active in law enforcement since 1941. Over 80 years. They were formed with

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"We determined the busi-

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Flowers named WEHS principal

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A homegrown Blue Devil is coming home to lead his alma mater.

Tony Flowers was selected out of a pool of nine candidates as the new principal of Williston-Elko High School (WEHS), effective July 1. The vote on March 8 was unanimous by the Barnwell County Consolidated School District Board.

"As a native of Williston and a long-time employee of the high school, I am excited cellence that I experienced to be chosen to continue the outstanding tradition of ex-



Tony Flowers

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Amanda Daff hired as Barnwell Library manager

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The new manager of the Barnwell County Public Library wants everyone to feel at home.

Amanda Daff began her library duties on Dec. 27, 2021, after previously working five years as a teller manager at First Citizens Bank in Orangeburg.

"Although she is new to the library world, Amanda comes to us with great management and customer service skills. I have no doubt she will get up to speed quickly on the parts of her job that are libraryspecific, such as helping patrons find books, answering their questions, and assisting people in developing computer skills. Amanda has a verv service-oriented mindset, so she is looking forward to helping all who enter through the library doors each day," said Mary Jo Dawson, executive director of the ABBE Regional Library System.

Though Daff is new to the library profession, the library has always been a special place throughout her life.

"My mom always took us to the library as kids.



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Amanda Daff looks forward to meeting the community through her new job as manager of the Barnwell **County Public Library.**

My first date was at the li-liston, especially how brary when I was 13. The it's small and quiet," she library has always been a good part of my life," said Daff.

Originally from Orangeburg, Daff moved to Barnwell County last year. She and her husband Justin, who is a law enforcement officer in Aiken County, purchased a house in Williston to be closer to his job and raise their two-year-old son Tristan in a smaller community.

"We really love Wil-

said. "The people here are very nice and welcoming.

She has enjoyed getting to know her staff while talking to many patrons, but looks forward to getting to know more about community and the meeting more people.

"I want to make sure the library is a place where everybody feels welcome," said Daff. They even have braille options.

The Barnwell County Public Library is visited by thousands of people annually, but Daff said she looks forward to "bringing more patrons into the library and making them aware of the resources we have." This includes letting people know how they offer more than just books. They also have a selection of DVDs and audiobooks, plus computers available for patrons to use.

Though the internet is what titles they would

a great resource, Daff still loves holding an actual printed book.

"I really believe that knowledge is power. Being able to hold a book and learn from it is great. We have everything here to learn about anything," she said.

The library offers a wide collection of books, audiobooks, and DVDs, but always wants to keep adding more. That's why they encourage the comnunity to let them know

back open to the public and can even be used after hours. Reservations can be made up to three weeks out. The Barnwell County Public Library is located

at 40 Burr Street in Barnwell. Hours are Monday Wednesday through from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Daff encourages the community to stop by and check out the services they offer.

Contact the library at (803) 259-3612.

WEMS teacher publishes children's book

David B. Corder **Contributing Writer**

Williston-Elko Middle School now has an author as one of its employees. Army veteran and current middle school social studies teacher James Kelly recently had his first children's book, "Just a Kid", published.

The book follows the story of a girl named Serenity as she tries to find herself during her birthday and at school. Readers will follow her journey to understand what it means to be a kid, in a world where children are encouraged to grow up too soon.

Kelly had several rea-

As a teacher and parent, agent or submitting to a Kelly sees first-hand the influence adults can have on the mind of a child.

"It is a very impactful place where we can can distribute my books literally leave a lasting impression that will help shape a child's future,' he said. "I feel like sometimes we can forget that or take it for granted."

This led him to write his book.

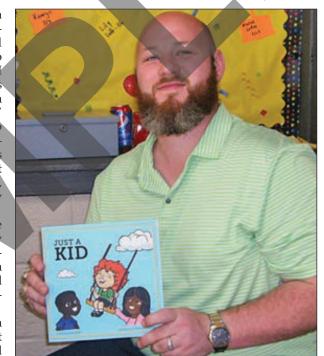
The completion of the project took a year. With numerous networking opportunities, Kelly was able to find an illustrator, Brian Richardson, who lives in North Carolina. Together, Kelly and Richardson collaborated virtually from start to finish overwhelming support to make sure that the ilsons for writing this lustrations followed the book. He wanted "a fresh story perfectly. The book

major publishing company. For Kelly, this worked out well. "There is no middle man," he said. "I freely, and place them in the stores I want to be in."

Kelly has no plans to stop writing with this one success. He has an entire series in the works, the next part being entitled "Just a Teen", which will be followed by "Just an Adult".

"I do not want to give too much away; just know that we will see the furthering progression turn full circle and there will be loosely connected stories as well," Kelly said.

Kelly has been given from Williston School District 29.



For Kelly, being both an James Kelly, a teacher at Williston-Elko Middle School, warding part of this entire



Books will be available for purchase. James Kelly will be available to sign books. When: Monday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Where: Williston-Elko Middle School computer lab

For him, the most reexperience is seeing his students, as well as other children, being inspired to reach for their dreams. You can purchase "Just a Kid" on Amazon or at select stores.

like to see.

The library also offers many events and programs for the community, such as the Summer Reading Program, story walks, story time, and craft kits. Though many in-person events were halted by COVID-19, Daff hopes they will return soon.

"Summer reading was my favorite as a child," she said. "I love being able to reach out to kids and make them love the library."

This includes her own son. She has read to Tristan since he was born. His room is full of books and decorated in a Dr. Seuss theme. Community rooms are

take on a coming of age story, to see how adults can affect the mind of a child both positively and er enough," said Kelly. negatively, and above all, create an inspirational story for children who may not have that inspiration."

was edited by a series of different professionals.

"One set of eyes is nev-

By the end of it all, he decided to self-publish his work through Kindle mind to it, you can truly Direct Publishing, forgoing the search for an if you are determined

educator and children's author is surreal. "From being a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces to an educator and now author, it shows that if you put your anything, accomplish

recently published his first children's book, "Just a Kid".

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enough. Being an educa- a Kid" he said. For Kelly, tor, that is the message I he encourages aspiring share with my students authors to ensure that daily and now it's a mes- they have a strong sup-

CORDER'S BOOK CORNER Why I quit social media

Discussion of books and all things literacy from writer, reader, and teacher, David B. Corder.

I quit social media. Well, what does that mean?

It means I deactivated my Facebook so that I won't see trivial and meaningless memes anymore. I got rid of Instagram so that I don't scroll through endless photos. It means that I'm going to spend way less time letting the blue light of my smartphone drain my eyeballs from their sockets. It means now that I'm going to spend more time writing and reading and enjoying life instead of brooding on the negativity that I have seen for the past 10 years every time I open my phone.

It means freedom for my soul and my mind.

I'm not writing this article to belittle anyone who still chooses to use and enjoy social media. But I've had enough of it. Social media has insidiously suffocated me for years. Men-



tally, socially, and spiritually. And what's more, it has drained the creativity out of me, just as a vampire drains the blood out much time I've wasted on of an enthralled victim. As an artist, as a writer, social media has no benefit for me. While social media has some advantages and can be used for good

things, for me, the cons far outweigh the pros.

After all, I shudder when I think about how Facebook and Instagram when I could have been writing a story, reading a book, or even just sitting outside enjoying the world that God created.

How many seconds of my life have I let slip through my fingers like coins as scrolled mindlessly L through the digital world?

What was the point of any of it?

Again, I won't bash anyone who still uses social media. But I was fine before I got a Facebook over 10 years ago, which was my first entrance into the digital realm of social media. I will be fine, and most likely even better, as I put it all away. I am wise enough to know that social media, even in tiny doses, can make us depressed and harm us greatly. I have too much that I want to accomplish, and too little time, so I don't want to waste it looking at social media.

So I quit social media, and anyone else who has ever thought about doing it, I would encourage you to quit as well. The world is out there, not in our phones. **BARNWELL DEMOCRAT PARTY** COUNTY CONVENTION

THE BARNWELL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PAR

The Barnwell County **Democrat Party** will have its County Convention on Thursday, March 24, 2022

Precinct Meetings will be held at 6 P.M. The Convention Meeting will begin at 7 P.M. **Barnwell County Career Center** (5214 Reynolds Road, Blackville)

*********** All Democrats are invited to come out and participate in the process

********* County Officers; President, Vice President, etc, will be elected at this time; **Delegates to the State Convention** will also be elected

Guardian ad Litem program to host free training for Bamberg/Barnwell Co. volunteers

Contributed S.C. DCA

The South Carolina Department of Children's Advocacy's (DCA) Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program will host an online volunteer training beginning March 31, 2022.

The Bamberg/Barnwell County Office of the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program is offering the online training program beginning March 31, 2022 at no cost. During this period of uncertainty, we all are finding ourselves adjusting to a "new normal."



The sad reality is that child abuse and neglect while so much has been victims can get involved halted amid the pandemic, COVID-19 cannot stop child abuse and neglect. Children need us now more than ever.

Bamberg/Barnwell concerned are

now. If you are over 21 and can give four to five hours a month of your time for a child, you can change a child's life. Those interested in par-County residents who ticipating in this training about are encouraged to sub-

mit a completed application by March 21, 2022. Visit http://gal.sc.gov for more information and to download an application.

The Guardian ad Litem Program was founded in 1984 and holds free training courses

various times during the child's future. GAL volyear to teach community volunteers how to advocate as Guardians ad Litem for abused and neglected children who have or are involved in family court legal proceedings through the De- a division of the South partment of Social Services. GAL volunteers get to know the child and everyone involved in the child's life, including family, teachers, doctors, social workers and others. They gather information about the child and what the child needs. Their recommendations to the court help the judge make an in-

throughout the state at formed decision about a unteers provide a stable presence in a child's life, remaining on each case until the child is placed in a safe, permanent home.

The GAL Program is Carolina Department of Children's Advocacy (DCA). DCA is an independent state agency led by Director and State Child Advocate Amanda Whittle.

Contact Lindsey Loparo at the Lexington County Office at 803-206-0640 to learn more about this volunteer and training opportunity.

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Revoked: Barnwell City Council revokes hair salon's business license

ness license was issued contrary to the law," said Kim Vargo during her testimony at the March 14 business license hearing. She is the city's clerk and treasurer as well as the business license official.

Shonda Rivera previously operated a salon in downtown Barnwell with another person. However, her husband said the CO-VID-19 pandemic, which temporarily shut down salons in 2020, led to the decision to move the business to their home.

The Riveras originally applied for a building permit to convert a shed into a salon, but the city denied it because it violated city ordinances. City Administrator Lynn McEwen, who is also zoning administrator, said the only possible option would be to convert their garage into a salon. She was aware of the restrictive covenant, but said she was not sure if the city could enforce it.

Eventually, the city granted a building permit and business license.

After the business opened last summer, more than 50 neighbors signed a petition express-

allowance of operation of any business" within the properties outlined by the covenant.

The city's board of zoning appeals, which is made up of local attorneys, met in October 2021 to hear both sides. After hearing the evidence/testimony and deliberating the law, that board issued an order that the building permit and business license be revoked.

"As a matter of law, we find that S.C. Code 6-29-1145(B)(3) requires zoning administrator to refuse a permit when there is actual knowledge of restrictive covenants which would prevent the requested activity. Therefore, it is ordered that the zoning administrator shall rescind the building permit previously issued, as well as the business license previously issued," according to the board's written conclusion.

The salon kept operating, even after the city's attorney emailed Shonda Rivera's attorney on Jan. 13 to stop any business operations.

'Based on the decision of the Board of Zoning ing their opposition to "the Appeals concerning the

applicable law, we have determined that the business license was issued contrary to law," said McEwen and Vargo in the Feb. 11 Notice of Suspension letter to Rivera.

This meant the license was suspended pending the March 14 hearing of city council to determine whether or not the license should be revoked.

At the hearing, council heard from Marcus Rivera (who spoke on behalf of his wife) and Danny Crowe (a municipal attorney representing City Administrator/Zoning Administrator Lynn McEwen and City Business License Official Kim Vargo). This was followed by over an hour of testimony from witnesses, documents and other evidence, and arguments from both sides.

Rivera argued against the validity of the covenant, which he said is being se lectively enforced. He said other properties in Meadowbrook go against other portions of the covenant.

"There has to be consistency," he said. "It's just a piece of paper you say is a covenant."

Crowe said this is the same argument Rivera pre-



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City Administrator Lynn McEwen (center) testifies during the March 14 business license hearing where city council voted to revoke the license for High Maintenance Stylez. The business is owned by Shonda Rivera (right) who is pictured with husband Marcus.

sented at the BZA hearing in October 2021. "The city is bound by the restrictive covenant. The restrictive covenant trumps zoning," said Crowe, who specializes in zoning issues. "It's not council's place to determine whether covenants are consistently applied. The decision of the zoning administrator was overruled by the BZA. That's what their job is. The order is clear."

Rivera also questioned the "expert advice" of the BZA members, who he said specialize in personal injury, property law and other general law issues rather than zoning.

"I think the lawyers know the law. They still has and I'll give her every-had to pass the Bar exam thing I have," he said. which covers everything," At the end of the hear-

Davis asked if council has the authority to override the BZA's decision. McEwen said it's up to the circuit court to appeal any such decision.

"I acknowledge this is a very personal issue for the mayor and his wife, but this is about procedure. I ask council to vote to revoke the license," Crowe said.

Mayor Rivera said he and his wife had no knowledge of the covenant until last year. He said he feels this situation is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

"You are putting a woman out of work for a covenant that's never been enforced. This woman gives my family everything she

business license. Council members Ron Still, Jimbo Moody, Ryan Bragg and Brad All voted in favor while Councilwoman Alicia Davis was the sole no vote. Councilwoman Peggy Kinlaw was absent. "I respect the council's

decision and will adhere to their decision," said Mayor Rivera after the hearing.

Meadowbrook resident Tim Bennett, who spoke on behalf of neighbors at the October 2021 BZA hearing, said they are pleased with the outcome this week and "look forward to this process moving forward to a resolution that benefits Meadowbrook."

A written order about council's vote must now be drafted and another public meeting

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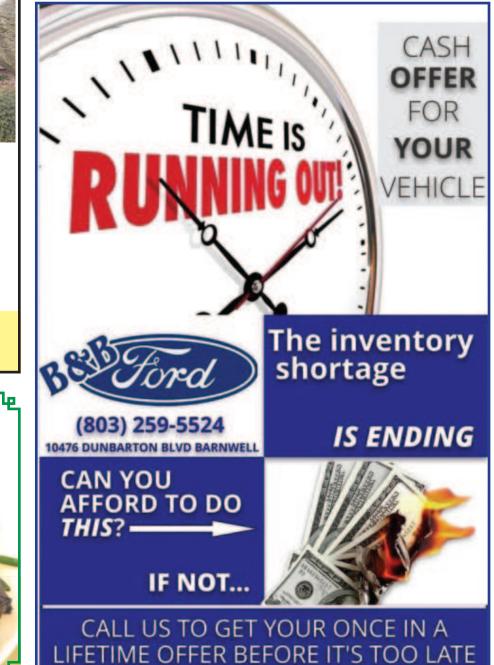
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said McEwen.

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Sunshine Week 2022 Column



Media lawyer who represents the S.C. Press Association

Sunshine Week has arrived and is our annual reminder that if governmental transparency is not achieved our democracy will also never be fully realized. Rejoice, though, the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (SCFOIA) exists and sets minimum duties of transparency on entities who use public funds

here. Use it or we may well lose it.

SCFOIA provides (for example) deadlines upon how fast public bodies must respond to open records requests, how fast they must provide those records, and even what records and information must be provided without making a written request. The law also requires the public bodies to give the public notice of their date, time and location of public meetings, as well as the agenda for items to be addressed at the meeting.

A school board during a public meeting wants to add a vote to provide a contract for all vending machine sales to benefit a board member's brother's company. SCFOIA provides the minimum duties for how this self-dealing vote can happen. See S.C. Code 30-4-80(A)

The school board approves the sweetheart contract anyway but refuses to show you the proposed terms that all board members reviewed. SCFOIA says you only must ask at the end of the meeting and that contract is all yours. See S.C. Code 30-4-30(D)(4).

The school board scenarios above are only two of many SCFOIA can address. Too often though, they are ignored by public bodies around the state. Whether due to ignorance, incompetence or a desire to maintain a status quo of operational secrecy, too often sunshine is not achieved in this state.

If holding public officials to account for their actions while in office is a core function of democracy, the public (and particularly the press) must be transparent about their problems with getting governmental transparency. The people must know (hopefully, from the press) when the government is breaking the law, avoiding public scrutiny.

Go to the S.C. Press Association website (www.scpress.org) and under the "FOIA" tab go to the Public Official's Guide to Compliance with SCFOIA. Put this PDF on your smartphone and use it to look up the above code sections, read the law and (eventually) cite to it when your public official tries to break the law. Finally, report your local problems with transparency and help SCPA staff when they are traveling to the S.C. Statehouse to baille forces of darkness in the legislature.

If you can do that ... we won't lose SCFOIA and democracy just might prevail.

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Follow the law by making records, meetings always open for all



Member of the board of directors of the S.C. Press Assoc.

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MARCH 11, 2022 | South Carolinians share a common value that public meetings and the work of government should be done in public so it is open and transparent to everyone. This is enshrouded in law as the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

Simply put, the law ensures the public's business is done in public. There are a few exceptions, such as when sensitive contracts are in debate or when

somebody's job performance is being scrutinized. But on the whole, public business is supposed to be available for inspection by the public, the people who pay for our government entities.

This expectation for public work to be done in the open - in the sunshine - is not partisan.

GOP Gov. Henry McMaster supports the notion in a S.C. Press Association guide on how public officials should comply with open meetings and open records laws: "As public ser-vants, we should always endeavor to maintain the public's trust and confidence in their government. In that spirit, I hope you will remember 'When in doubt — disclose '' S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson ports, to be available to anyone

concurred: "We have an obligation not only to adhere to the letter of the law, but also live up to its spirit through compliance with every reasonable FOIA request without delay or obstruction."

Public scrutiny is hard because it might bring to light some uncomfortable things. But lots of elected and nonelected public officials comply with the law. It's too common, however, for those who don't want the light of transparency to shine to slide.

An example is public access to police records. The law absolutely and clearly requires written records, such as meeting minutes, jail logs and two weeks of criminal incident re-

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Fiscal transparency improves government, builds trust



the public improves the quality of government. It keeps officials on their toes and makes it easier to catch misspending and waste. Transparency builds trust with taxpayers, who have a right to know how their hard-earned dollars are being spent.

About this time each year, advocates for open-governinformation easily available to ment celebrate Sunshine Week, a national initiative to promote access to public information. This year, Sunshine Week is observed March 13 - 19. This occasion is used to educate citizens about freedom-of-information laws, push public officials to be more open, and promote the benefits of transparency. I often use it to emphasize a critical element of open-government posting online spending

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Making detailed financial

Freedom of Information Act serves you, the public



Richard Whiting

S.C. Press Association's Vice President

in elections that put school board members, city and county council members or state lawmakers in office? Do you pay state and local taxes and, in return, receive services?

Do you know how these

Have you participated

elected and appointed officials, who work for you, are spending your tax dollars?

Do you know why the public school superintendent or your child's teacher was suddenly terminated?

Do you know why a city or county employee high up on the organizational chart was escorted off the job?

Do you know who elected officials are or were considering for the post as town manager, head of economic development or some other role?

Do you know how much public employees are paid?

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That's a lot of questions to digest, but they and others are important. More than that, the answers belong to you. Yes, you.

That's why the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act exists and it's why this week, March 13-19, newspapers highlight Sunshine Week.

Our state's Freedom of Information Act, while imperfect, is a law designed to hold elected and appointed officials and bodies accountable to their bosses. That's you, the public. It is

designed to shine light on business that can be carried out in darkness, out of the public's sight. And sadly, too many in positions of power are more than glad to operate in the dark.

That city or county manager's contract? Yep, you are entitled to its details, to include all perks and benefits.

Those email exchanges among public officials pertaining to the dismissal of a public employee? Yep, you're entitled to see those, with few limitations. How much are your

appointed officials being paid? If they earn S50,000 or more per year, it's public record.

Why was your daughter's teacher fired? Again, the personnel file is public record.

How much did the council spend during a retreat at the coast, and on what? Yep, you're entitled to know that as well.

The South Carolina Press Association has for years provided a citizen's guide to compliance with the state's Freedom of Information Act, available on the

organization's website: scpress.org/citizen/index.html

We urge you to visit the online guide, bookmark it and, more important, use it because the Freedom of Information Act was written for you, the public. It's not a law that exists for the media.

Granted, the media more often than not use FOIA as a means of accessing public information. There's an expectation among the public that we, especially newspapers, will operate as government

watchdogs — a role we gladly accept and take on. We do it for you, but we are not the sole. beneficiaries of FOIA's provisions.

We can help you too. Media outlets - and again, especially community newspapers are often asked about what information is and is not in the public domain, and we frequently receive news tips to investigate situations when someone suspects that not all is on the up and up.

As we have said before, FOIA is your

FROM PAGE 4A vehicle to drive public bodies into the sunshine, hold them accountable and make them work in a transparent environment. So please, use it.

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RECORDS: It's the law

who asks for them – without any strings attached. required a reporter to sub-That means anyone – a member of the public or a reporter – should be able to walk into a police station and see an arrest report without a written request or any prior notice.

In January, checks with several police departments in Charleston County revealed how agencies skirted or blatantly disregarded the law. One agency, for example, agreed to provide information that

was redacted. Another mit a formal written FOIA request. Others seemed unaware of the openness required by the law.

Unfortunately, too many non-elected public officials don't seem to understand just who they work for. They, in fact, work for the people who pay their salaries. They work for you and me.

Back in 1902 in a speech in Asheville, North Carolina, President Theodore Roosevelt addressed how

the American government isn't separate and distant from the American people: "Now the government is us - we are the government, you and I; and the government is going to do well or ill accordingly as we with sanity, with resolution, with broad charity and sound common sense make up our minds that the affairs of the government shall be managed. ... No law, no leadership can possibly take the place of the exercise by the average citizen of the fundamental

virtues of good citizenship – the exercise of the fundamental qualities of honesty, courage and common sense."

Yes, the government is us. And government officials who don't understand the Freedom of Information Act should learn it and comply. They need to start making more information available to all citizens. When in doubt, as the governor says, make information public.

And if public officials don't or won't? Perhaps

state legislators could put some real teeth in the law and hold violators personally responsible for lazy or intentional failure to make records and meetings open. Maybe that will get the slackers' attention. There's no point in having a law requiring openness if some people can slide

Write your state repre-sentative or senator today and encourage them to put some meaningful teeth in the state's Freedom of Information Act so that pub-

local government makes

decisions and how it oper-

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It says we understand that

our constituents are our

bosses, that they're who

Transparency is vital

free of charge)?

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lic officials do what they are supposed to - provide information so "we the people" can gauge whether the "government that is us" is using tax money properly and administering our government with, as Roosevelt said 120 years ago, "honesty, courage and common sense."

Andy Brack, a member of the board of directors of the S.C. Press Association, is publisher of the Charleston City Paper and editor and publisher of Statehouse Report.

TRANSPARENCY: Online Spending Report

reports.

To be sure, access to detailed information on state and local government spending has increased tremendously over the past several years. It was in 2008 that South Carolina became one of the first states in the nation to create a fiscal transparency. website - an online check register showing monthly, itemized expenditures for all state agencies... fulfilling a goal I'd had since the early days of the Internet. Now, just about every state has such a site, although I'm proud to say that I believe we're the only state to develop ours without seeking additional funds to do it. (It was important to show it could be done inexpensively

expressing their concernover the cost and effort involved; some of their concerns were genuine, although I'm sure some simply didn't appreciate this added layer of citizen-oversight. Ultimately, some 30-plus local governments - from the large counties of Charleston and Greenville to the towns of Chesnee, Greer and Surfside Beach – began publishing their spending details online.

Our pioneering work prompted a new state law directing all school districts to post their spending details online. Public colleges and universities soon began to do the same.

In 2011, a handful of good-government advocates in Congress introduced the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act to require that federal spending data be standardized and published online monthly. Congress debated the Act for three ments to increase their years; it eventually was signed into law, yet only after the White House successfully lobbled to tricts to voluntarily post cut back the reporting requirements – including line. Initially, many local to publish the information officials were hesitant, only quarterly rather than use of the reports for ac-

monthly. (The website is countability and oversight SpendingUSA.gov.)

While we've come a long way, governments at all levels still fall far short of providing the level of transparency that taxpay ers deserve. For one thing, too many cities and counties in South Carolina still don't post their spending details online.

And while much of my focus has been on publishing itemized spending online, which is an efficient way to combat waste, there are certainly other areas where the curtain needs pulling back. Taxpayers are largely kept in the dark about the costly recruiting incentives their local and state governments hand out to altract development. In addition, the time it takes for many of our state's cities and counties to produce their annual audited financial reports is a persistent problem. Too many of these reports -- designed to disclose detailed information on assets, liabilities, long-term debt, revenues and expenditures -- take so long for some governments to complete that the delays impair the

One of Sunshine Week's objectives is to enlist the public's help in the fight for transparency. Want to get involved? Then hold politicians' feet to the fire. If your local governments' spending details aren't available online, call your representatives and ask why. Find out whether your local government's annual financial reports are issued timely (within six months of year-end).

Ask if the public is al-

INVITATION TO BID

The Allendale Barnwell Counties Disabilities and Special Board is accepting sealed bids for remodeling of the Day Program senior citizens annex wing and several offices in the Administrative Office. ADA walkway from the senior building to the driveway will be added with hand rails. Interested parties may obtain the scope of work from the Director of Maintenance Jackie Ray at 20 Park Street, Barnwell, SC. Prebid conference will start on March 28, 2022. All sealed bids will need to be turned in at the Administrative Office (20 Park Street) no later than 3 p.m. April 28, 2022. Jackie Ray can be contacted at 803-259-7472.

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lowed to see how your we answer to. Richard Eckstrom is a CPA and the state Comptroller. He's president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers.



-- undercutting one of the loudest arguments raised by early opponents of spending (ransparency.)

Following this success, my staff and I began encouraging local governfinancial transparency, asking counties, municipalities and school distheir expenditures on**Denmark Gardens Complex at** Mirnosa Avenue, Denmark, SG

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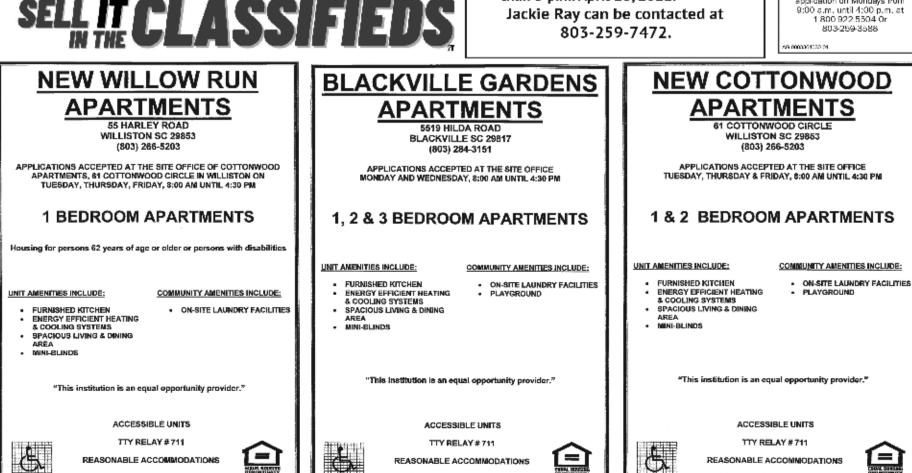
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Lenten message: The 5 stages of faith

Jonathan Vickery Publisher jvickery@thepeoplesentinel.com

As the old saying goes, 'You gotta have faith!"

That was also the message of the March 9 Community Lenten Service at Barnwell United Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Herman Wallace, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Blackville, spoke on the stages of faith.

"We need faith in Him to believe," said Wallace. Using the account from John 4:43-54 of how Jesus healed a royal official's son, Wallace explained the various stages of faith. **BEGINNING FAITH**

While in Galilee, Jesus was met by a royal official who begged Jesus to come and heal his son, who was close to death. The official had left his son in Capernaum to come see Jesus.

"The only thing we know sometimes is to call on His name," said Wallace.

PERSISTENT FAITH

In verse 48, Jesus replied, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe." In verse 49, the royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

Wallace said we must be persistent in our pur-



Rev. Herman Wallace (left) talks about the stages of faith on March 9.

suit and should never put Jesus in a box with how He heals or answers our pravers.

"Jesus was testing that man's faith. Faith without works is dead," Wallace said.

He said faith does two things. "It can move us to action and faith touches God's heart," he said.

TRUSTING, OBEDI-ENT & WORKING FAITH

In verse 50, Jesus said the official, "Go, your son will be healed.' "Jesus was saying to

stop worrying. People are doing unnecessary worrying these days over things they have no control," said Wallace.

He said it's important

to listen to God. Recently, Wallace was almost involved in a wreck, but he listened to the Holy Spirit as he noticed a big truck that was not stopping at a red light. This saved his life.

CONFIRMED FAITH

In verses 50-53, the official takes Jesus at His word and returns to his son.

"51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. 52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, 'Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him,'" according to scripture.

this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." He and his whole household then believed.

"The official became a witness to the power of



The official realized Guests of the March 9 Lenten service enjoy a soup lunch at Barnwell United Methodist.

Faith Column: Do you know Jesus Christ?



Richard D. Lusby

Branch President of the Barnwell Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

the Savior.

I am certain those who read this article have heard the name Jesus Christ. I'm certain at one time or another most have listened to a sermon about Jesus Christ. But is that the extent of your relationship with the Savior? A causal relationship administered in small loving spoonful's once a week. I humbly suggest that the Savior and Redeemer of the world who suffered and

(John 17:21).

Do you search, ponder, and pray about the scriptures for yourself, then put His teachings into action? There is a difference between accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior and following His teachings as His disciple. The Savior said, "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." (Luke 11:28). Do your words and actions reflect your love for the Savior? Are you committed to living and come unto Him. Throughout His life Jesus demonstrated that the worth of every single soul is great in His sight.

The scriptures teach us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). As faithful followers of the Savior we can't deny the scriptures are true. We can easily conclude that His work is not yet finished. His work and his glory is to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. To do this, Jesus Christ to be the center nothing is impossible. Christ broke the bonds of our lives. Life is bet- He is the God of truth, of death. He had to die, but on the third day, following His burial, We can't afford to take He rose from the grave, but also strive to live est friend.

"the first fruits of them His gospel. If you seek that slept" (1 Corinthians 15:20), and brought to pass the blessing of the Resurrection to every one of us. He died that we may live eternally with Him. Paul declared: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthi-ans 15:55). Jesus Christ defeated the cross and the grave and has taken His rightful place, sitting on the right-hand side of

the Father. ter, brighter, and happier when we not only accept Jesus as our Savior

Him and invite Christ into your life you will find that He loves you and has great things in store for you. He can do more for you in your life than you can alone. You are not here to fail, but to succeed gloriously. He has said, "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Joshua 1:5).

He needs you to help make the world a better place and bring souls unto Him. He is a God We all need Jesus of miracles; with Him love, mercy, hope and glory. Jesus Christ is our tru-

Lunch is at noon followed than we can imagine," by a service at 12:30 p.m. said Wallace. He said God is still able March 16 to bring miracles today.

countless ways, but we

just have to learn to listen.

God heals in more ways

The final step in faith is

"Maybe your testimony

to be a witness for God.

will help someone along the way," Wallace said. "My challenge to you is to

continue to do all you can while you can while the

opportunity is at hand.

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BE A WITNESS

forever. God speaks in LENTEN SCHEDULE

Barnwell First Baptist 161 Allen Street, Barnwell Dr. Bill Clarkson, speaker

Services are held Wednes-

days through Easter.

March 23

Hagood Avenue Baptist 1144 Hagood Ave., Barnwell Pastor Ed Traxler, speaker

March 30

Holy Apostles Church 9357 Patterson St., Barnwell Pastor Mark Epperson, speaker

April 6

Fuller Park covered shed Pastor Collin Barret, speaker

April 13

Gateway Assemblies 7678 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell Pastor Susan Lockwood, speaker

can watch them online at www.facebook.com/ Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today, and BCMinisterialCoalition.

here is no other **I** name given, nor any other way, nor means whereby salvation can come unto the children of men, only in and through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The greatest need in all the world is for every person to have a personal, ongoing, and continuing relationship with they also may be one in us"

died for us expects more and deserves better. No one can worship for you or bring you to a personal knowledge of Christ, only you can do that.

Do you know Jesus Christ for yourself? I mean really know Him. The Savior Himself prayed, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that

His gospel? Do you love only those who love you? Is Christ alive in your life or is He someone you only turn to out of desperation?

our eternal salvation lightly. Each of us is a child of God and need to work out our own salvation. Jesus Christ suffered for each of us so that we all might repent



- Some of what we support in our church and community:
- Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes
- Carolina Honduras Health Foundation (medical, dental, education)
- Salkehatchie summer service
- Community Soup Kitchen
- Gateway Food Bank
- Teacher school supplies

We hope you join us in our effort to spread the love of Jesus Christ to everyone we can! 236 Main Street, Barnwell Church Office: (803) 259-3331

Hilda FBC children count down to Easter through fun activities, Bible study

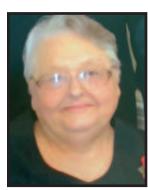


The children of Hilda First Baptist Church are counting down to Easter. On March 9, the children learned that even though Peter denied Jesus three times, Jesus forgave and allowed Peter to be restored. "He loves us like that too. We love Wednesdays!" stated a post on the church's Facebook page.

Obituaries

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Ilene H. Still

BARNWELL - Funeral services for Ilene Hutto Still, 80, of Barnwell, will be held at 3 o'clock p.m., Monday, March 14, 2022, at Reedy Branch Baptist Church with the Reverends Harry Warren and Dan Fogle officiating; burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the service at the church on Monday. Memorial contributions may be given to Georges Creek Baptist Church, 4767 Govan Hwy., Olar, S.C. 29843 or Reedy Branch Baptist Church, 411 Reedy Branch Rd., Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

Mrs. Ilene passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Born in Sarasota, FL, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence E. Hutto and Nola Mae Griner Hutto. She was a member of Georges Creek Baptist Church and a member of the WMU and served in many other capacities throughout the years. She was a graduate of Barnwell High School and earned a Business Degree from Palmer Business College. Mrs. Ilene worked for the S.C. Department of Probation and Parole and was secretary for the Barnwell County Probate Court. She also worked as secretary for 9 years at Fairfax Baptist Church, 21 years at Reedy Branch Baptist Church, and enjoyed playing the piano.

Survivors include her loving husband of 58 years, Ted Stephen Still Sr.; daughters, Kathryn "Kathy" S. Rutland (Billy Wallom) of Travelers Rest; Stephanie Owens (Gregg Bates) of Williston; daughter-in-law, Margaret Roxanne Odom Still of Summerton; son, Lawrence (Jamie) Still of Williston; grandchildren, Stephen Douglas (Christina), Rutland, Malerie (Kevin) Wall, Ted Stephen "Tripp" Still III, Garret Odom Still, Landen Emery Still, and Harper Avery Still; greatgrandchildren, Paxton Wall, Winston Wall, Elliot Rutland, Emmalynn Rutland, Abigail Rutland; two foster great-grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ted Stephen Still Jr.

Folk Funeral Home Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at www.folkfuneralhome.com.

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Ibria "Buster" Blackwood Lawrimore



Ibria Blackwood "Buster" Lawrimore, 91, passed away on March 9, 2022, in Columbia.

Buster was born on September 9, 1930. He graduated from Clemson University with a BS in Agriculture and became a 1st Lt. in the US Army stationed in Korea from March 1952 until December 1953. He was an active member of Hagood Avenue Baptist Church and became an Honorary Lifetime Deacon in October 2021. He was a retiree from DuPont Savannah River Site, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Team, a volunteer missionary to Romania as well as a frequent member of Hagood-Cleveland, TN mission team. He was known for his love of gardening, fishing, and travel as well

as a member of the Hardee's Men's Coffee Club. He was an avid supporter of Clemson and Barnwell football, but Buster mainly will always be remembered as a man deeply devoted to his church and his Lord Jesus Christ

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 13, 2022, in Hagood Avenue Baptist Church at 3 p.m. with Rev. Ken Catoe and Rev. Roger Head officiating. The family received friends at the church from 2 p.m. until the time of service. A family graveside service was held on Monday in the Barnwell County Memory Gardens Cemetery. Mole Funeral Home assisted the family.

Buster is survived by his loving wife, Bernice Hinson Lawrimore of the home. His children include, Jane (Stan) Sorey, Gatlinburg, TN, James (Eletha) Lawri-more, Barnwell, John Lawrimore, Hickory, N.C., Julia (Tad) Dickinson, Anderson, Penny (Barry) Langford, Barnwell, and Farron Hinson, Barnwell; grandchildren: Christopher Sorey, Adam Lawrimore, David Lawrimore, Joshua Lawrimore, Jacob Bouchillon, Angela Bouchillon, Eric Dickinson, Brantley Dickinson, Anderson Langford, and Bryson Langford; great-grandchildren, Nathan Lawrimore, Simon Lawrimore, Miles Lawrimore, Glenn Lawrimore, Rose Lawrimore and Tyler Langford. He was predeceased by his first wife, Glenette Sanders Lawrimore; his daughter, Jill Bouchillon, who was married to Hal Bouchillon.

Herbert Albert Hodge

BURGAW, N.C. - Herbert Albert Hodge, 83, of Burgaw, passed from his earthly life Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Novant Brunswick Medical Center in Bolivia.

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He was born April 24, 1938 in Sumter, S.C., one of six children born to Fred and Mary Margaret Geddings Hodge. In addition to his parents, Herbert was preceded in death by his step-daughter, Renate Pope; and three siblings.

Herbert is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Margaret Hodge; daughter, Nancy Hodge Bodiford (Timothy); son, Jerry Albert Hodge (Andrea); stepchildren, Enid Walker, Dora Simon (Bryan), and Brent Newton (Allyson); ten grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; brother, Fred Hodge; sister,

Mary Margaret Sawyer (Bob); and many nieces and nephews. He retired after working many years as a mail handler in Columbia, S.C.

In years past Herbert enjoyed fishing and being outdoors in God's wonderful world of nature. As long as his eyesight permitted, he kept busy putting cane bottoms in chairs. It is said by many that Herbert was a kindhearted sweet soul. He was a devoted husband and a good daddy and granddaddy. Herbert was loved and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022, at United Faith Fellowship at United Faith Fellowship in Atkinson. Pastor Clay Carter conducted the service.

Shared memories and condolences may be sent to the family by selecting Гribute Wall.

Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home of Burgaw.

The family has entrusted Dyches Funeral Home and Crematory of Barnwell with local arrangements.

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Phyllis Riddle Fulmer



Phyllis Lynette Riddle Fulmer, 56, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 10, 2022.

Phyllis was born on June 15, 1965 in Bamberg. She was a daughter of Betty Jean Collins Riddle and the late Harold Leon Riddle. She was the former owner of Riddle's Tax Service and a homemaker. Phyllis was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt. She will be missed by her family and friends.

A visitation was held from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at Mole Funeral Home.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Monday, March 14,2022 at the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery at the airport with Pastor Charles Morris

and Pastor Charles Gillison officiating.

Survivors include her mother, Betty Jean Collins Riddle; son, Greg (Kristi) Fulmer; daughter, Crystal (Ben) Ray; sisters; Becky Riddle (Olin) Sanders, Tracey R. Riddle and Cathey Riddle (Jody) Roberts; brother-in-law, James (Jennifer) Fulmer; grandchildren, Victoria, Jazmyne, R.J. Jr., Valerie, Abigail, Anna, Gregory, Aaliyah, Kenzli, Melvin Jr. and Cade, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Johnny Fulmer, the love of her life. Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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NATIONAL FFA WEEK Week full of blue, gold, leadership & fun

Mindy Sandifer Career Center

Blue FFA jackets covered the S.C. Statehouse steps on Wednesday, Feb. 23 for the highlight event of this year's National FFA Week and the members of the Barnwell County Career Center FFA Chapter were a large part of the blue corduroy sea in Columbia.

The S.C. FFA association officers orchestrated a great ceremony with multiple guest speakers, including S.C. Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman, House Representative David Hiott, and S.C. Commissioner of ers, to name a few.

Eighteen Barnwell County Career Center FFA members visited with House Representative Lonnie Hosey in the Statehouse lobby and watched later as Rep. Hosey held the House floor to speak in favor of bill forthcoming a vote. The chapter looks forward to visits each year with Rep. Hosey in Columbia and was excited to get back to Columbia after two years of no travel due to COVID.

In addition to the Statehouse visit, 20 chapter members participated in a FFA Roller Skating Celebration in Lexington on Tuesday evening hosted by the Wagener Salley FFA Chapter where each member donated items for the ASPCA, such as dog/ cat food, toys, leashes, and cleaning supplies.

Finishing National FFA Week strong, the group enjoyed an oyster roast at a local farm on Thursday





Agriculture Hugh Weath- BCCC FFA members visiting the S.C. Statehouse to celebrate National FFA Week.

evening followed by a little peted in hay bale relay, friendly competition in water balloon toss, egg Ag Olympics on Friday. relay, marshmallow/ spa-

FFA members learn life and leadership skills throughout the year including how to tie a tie which is needed for official FFA dress. Bryce Washington and Jaquez James are pictured finishing up their ties.

Chapter members com- ghetti noodle tower build-

ing, and many more great team-building activities.

FFA members all over South Carolina have been excited to participate in a variety of in-person activities this school year after only virtual activities for the past two years.

The State FFA Wildlife Career Development Event (CDE) was another recent in-person event participated in by four members of the Barnwell County Career Center FFA. The event was held Feb. 12 at the S.C. FFA Camping Center in Cherry Grove. BCCC FFA members Fate Wall, Caroline Still, Samantha Cannon, and Alaina Brant competed in plant and furbearer ID, turkey and deer aging skills, and additional activities related to fish, waterfowl, game birds, etc. used often in Wildlife Management.

Other CDE's coming up include public speaking,

BCCC FFA Chapter President, Mckynzie Still, presents House Rep_ Lonnie Hosey with an FFA photo frame during the SC FFA Legislative Appreciation Day at the Statehouse on Feb. 23.

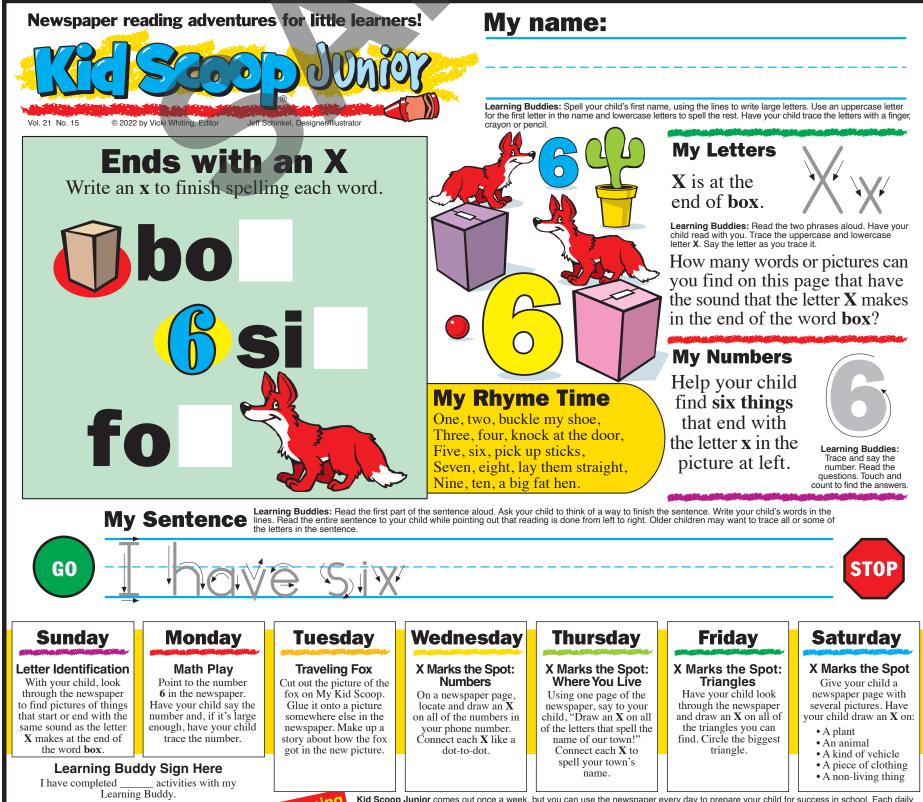


BCCC FFA Wildlife CDE Team competed on Feb. 12 at the S.C. FFA Camping Center in Cherry Grove. (L-R) Samantha Cannon, Alaina Brant, Caroline Still, and Fate Wall.

forest management, tool jor part of the agriculture identification, livestock judging, veterinary skills and job interview skills, to name a few, and BCCC FFA members should represent the county well in several of these events.

The Barnwell County Career Center FFA is a maprogram led by advisors Mindy Sandifer and Christle Tindall.

Learn more about the organization by following them on Facebook at 'Barnwell County Career Center FFA" or on Instagram @Barnwellc3ffa.



Date

Kid Scoop Junior comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.

Learning Buddy's signature

Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.



What is a riddle? Simply put,

to understand. Sometimes they

or start laughing!

1900 B.C.

riddles are something challenging

are a question with a surprising answer. Riddles

make you think. And when you find the answer

to the riddle, you just might feel a little smarter,

World's Oldest Riddle

challenging people for at least 4,000 years!

The oldest riddle that was written down

is from Ancient Sumeria, where Iraq

civilization with the oldest surviving

writing system that we know of!

Here's the world's oldest riddle.

Can you figure out the answer?

"There is a house. One

out seeing. What is it?" ANSWER: A schoolhouse!

Clever, right? And a reminder

King Odin's Riddles

din is the Norse god of wisdom, poetry,

death, and magic. Odin is also the king

of the importance of school!

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Ancient Sumeria is also the

Riddles have been entertaining and



THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

The Riddle of the Sphinx

Throughout history, heroes in tales must solve riddles to save others or travel to certain places. In one Greek myth, the hero must solve the riddle posed by the Sphinx guarding the city of Thebes. Answer

it right ... The Sphinx was a mythical or else! creature with the body of a lion, the head of a human and the wings of an eagle. And as the guardian of Thebes, it ate the people who could not answer this tricky riddle!

Can YOU answer it?

"What animal walks on four legs in the morning, two legs at noon, and three legs at night?"

Think about it. Then, circle every other letter to reveal the answer.

A BHC U Y M J A S N V B W E L I K N C G B

How can this be? Hold this page up to a mirror for the explanation When we are babies we crawl on all fours, as an adult we walk on two legs, in old age we need a third leg (a walking stick).

Riddle Poetry

Look through the newspaper for words that start with each letter in the word, RIDDLE. Cut out the words and then make a little poem using words that describe riddles and start with each of the letters in DIDDIE

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Kid Scoop Together: ke a Rid

Make a riddle and challenge friends and family to solve it. Start with the answer to your riddle. Then make a list of things that describe the way your "answer" looks, smells, sounds or behaves. Write statements that describe several little things about your answer. Share the statements and then end with "Who and I?" or "What am I?"

Here's an example: Start with an answer to your riddle: DOOR

Write 3-4 statements describing a door:

I let people in and out. I can creak or te silent.

With a strong breeze, I can startle with a loud bang!

Write some riddles for each of these topics:





No, the OTHER Sphinx!

Sphinxes appear in the art and legends of both ancient Greece and ancient Egypt. Ancient Egyptians made many large statues of sphinxes. The largest and most famous Egyptian sphinx was carved near the the pyramids of Giza in about 2500 B.C. Do the math to see how big it is.

99+99+42 feet long

_ feet high



Odin's Riddle #1

Thirty white horses on a red hill,

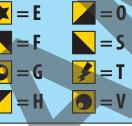
Odin's Riddle #2 Who is that great one who grasps the earth, swallowing wood and water? Bad weather he dreads, wind, but no man, and picks a fight with the sun. King Heidrek, guess my riddle.

But he also figures out that it is Odin and not Gestumblindi asking the riddles. King Heidrek becomes furious and tries to kill Odin. Odin magically turns into a hawk and flies away.

Scoop Puzzlar

Heidrek gets them all correct.

of the mythological land of Asgard. (You may remember from comic books or movies that his sons were Thor and Loki.) In ancient Viking myths, riddles are used to test intelligence and wisdom. A Norse myth about three mythological characters, King Odin, King Heidrek and Gestumblindi is a tale full of riddles. Use King Odin's Secret Code To save Gestumblindi's life, Odin asks to solve the riddles King Heidrek 35 riddles. To do this, Odin poses as Gestumblindi. King

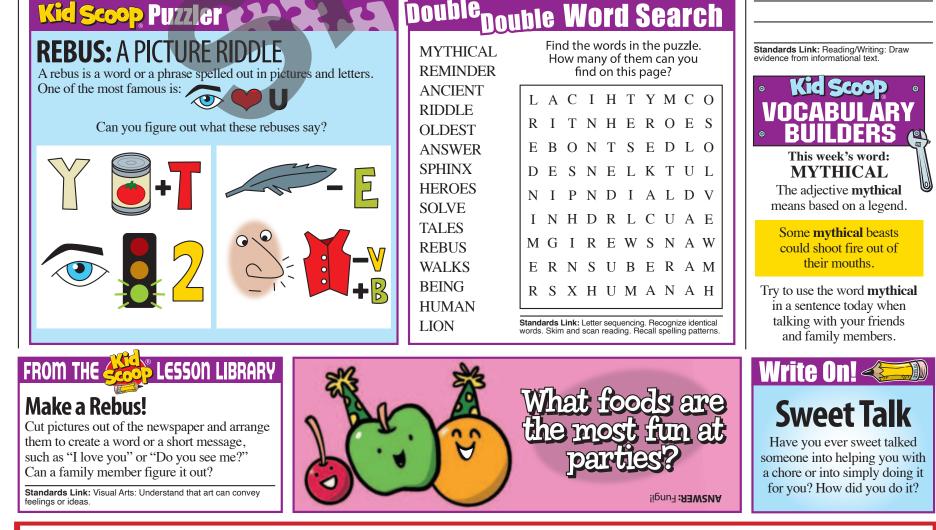


guess my riddle

Double

first they champ, then they stamp,

then they stand still. King Heidrek,





Barnwell School District 45 thanks our families and community members for supporting our schools!





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JV Warhorse softball team opens season



Kendall O'Berry of the Barnwell Warhorse JV softball team slides into home during their March 8th season opener against South Aiken.

Photo by: Mindy Sandifer

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

season at South Aiken on and Leiani Santos. March 8th. Despite battling for The next game for the five strong innings, the Lady es will be Thursday, March Warhorses came up just short, losing a close one 6-5. Veteran softball coach, Michael Beasley commented on Barnwell pitcher Laney Grubbs' outing, stating that she "led the Lady Warhorses on the mound with outstanding poise." Beasley went on to recognize offensive standout Despite a loss in their season Kalen Mayes, saying she "led opener, the Barnwell JV softball the offensive threat for the team is ready for a successful Lady Warhorses at the plate, going 3 for 3."

bers are Layla Bishop, Brianna Croft, Chaylie Cruz, Jayden Dellario, Laney Grubbs, Emmalynn Howard, Kalen The Barnwell High Mayes, Jamiya Mayes, Riley School JV Softball Sandifer, Jessica Williamson, team opened their Kendall O'Berry, Jada Still,



The JV softball team mem-

17 when they travel to region foe Silver Bluff for a 5:30 p.m. start time.

Good luck, ladies!

season.

Photo by: Michael Beaslev

BHS varsity softball loses season opener



The Lady Warhorse softball team competed in a pre-season tournament at Colleton County on February 26.

They defeated Beaufort High School in game one 6-5. They dropped the second game 9-2 to Colleton Prep.

The Lady Warhorses began their season on March 8 at South Aiken where they lost with a score of 9-10.

Their next game is this Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Silver Bluff High.

Warhorse JV soccer wins in shootout

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

The Barnwell JV soccer team beat Bamberg-Ehrhardt's JV team 3-2 in dramatic fashion Monday, March 7.

The teams ended up tied at the end of regulation and entered into penalty kicks to break the tie.

"The teams played extremely well in a back and forth affair," said Barnwell coach Luke Catoe.

Landon Santino and Hutson Harvey scored in regulation time. They were assisted by Sam Tadamatla and Aiyanna Palmer. Warhorse goalkeeper AJ Miller played well and had numerous saves. Coach Catoe added that "The defense played very well."

Barnwell's Shelby HcHenry, Landon Santino and Dustin Jones scored in the shootout.

Barnwell's AJ Miller was in goal and stopped three of the five shots during the shootout, which is almost unheard of in this situation.

"I am very proud with the way our team played and fought," said Catoe. "Our offense played well and moved the ball the entire game. PK (penalty kick) shootout is a exciting way to win, but a tough way to lose."

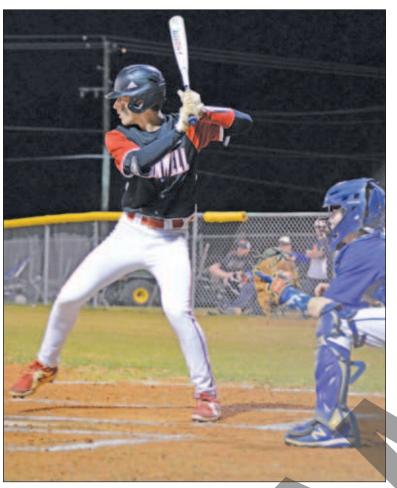
The JV soccer team members are Landon Santino, Hudson Harvey, Sam Tadamatla, Aiyanna Palmer, AJ Miller, Dustin Jones, Shelby HcHenry, Neo Culp, Michelle Noonan, Tristan Harter, Angel Taylor, Elizabeth Brabham, Alana Mack, Peyton Woods, Caleb Beard, Hussain Godhrawala, and Gracie Bates.

Congratulations Coach Catoe and the entire Barnwell JV soccer team.



Members of the JV Warhorse soccer team make a play as the sun sets on March 7.

Photo by: Patricia Harter



Photos by: Mindy Sandifer



BHS baseball beats WEHS, 18-1





In-county rivals Barnwell High School and Williston-Elko High School competed on March 9. The baseball game ended with the Barnwell Warhorses defeating the Williston-Elko Blue Devils 18-1.



Blackville Museum planning Memorial Day event

Contributed Blackville Museum

The Blackville Museum is currently working on an exhibit highlighting local men and women who served our country during World War II.

A Memorial Day program is being planned for late May. Any Blackville/Hilda area residents who have photographs and/or information about a relative who served during those years (1939 1946) is encouraged to contact the museum so that we may include them in our display. We are also looking for information concerning the German prisoners of war who were housed in our area. You may call Marla Jameson at 803 300 0520 or Joan McDonald at 803 284-3267.

One example of the people we are honoring is James E. Hair, who was born in Blackville in 1915. His father was the Reverend Alfred Hair, a Baptist minister and moderator for the Baptist Church of SC. The son of slaves, Reverend Hair owned a large farm and grew cotton and other staple crops in addition



The Golden Thirteen, photographed on 17 March 1944. Top row: John Walter Reagan, Jesse Walter Arbor, Dalton Louis Baugh, Frank Ellis Sublett. Middle row: Graham Edward Martin, Charles Byrd Lear, Phillip George Barnes, Reginald E. Goodwin. Bottom row: James Edward Hair, Samuel Edward Barnes, George Clinton Cooper, William Sylvester White, Dennis Denmark Nelson.

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ter. James remembers ing with the family to Junior College in Daypicking cotton at a very Florida, James graduated tona Beach. He then at-

young age. After mov- from Bethune-Cookman

tended Xavier University was transferred to the in New Orleans.

On July 1, 1942, James joined the Navy and sailed through bootcamp and quartermaster school. He was eventually assigned to a tugboat sailing out of New York. During this time, the Navy was instituting a new program to increase officer training for wartime service. Known as V-12, the program began in July 1943, and eventuof the first black candidates for officer training. In January 1944, sixteen black sailors began their training and all suc-cessfully completed this process. It is not known why only thirteen of the group actually became officers.

James Hair never learned exactly why he was chosen for this training, but he and the other candidates succeeded while under a great deal of pressure. They had to excel in all tasks despite being subjected to racism, harassment, and insults along the way. After the training ended, for the first time in history, the Navy had commissioned thirteen black line officers. Hair eventually

USS Mason, a destroyer escort. He was the first lieutenant in charge of deck operations.

The ship was to have sailed to the Pacific, but the end of the war came before they could embark. Hair was then ordered to join the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific. He was a deck officer of a ship designed for landings. amphibious His group provided ally led to the inclusion training for the Chinese and supported them by transporting tanks and troops to Manchuria and French Indochina. He sailed hundreds of miles up the Yangtze River taking food supplies for the relief of the Chinese.

In late 1946, Hair left the service and ended up living in New York and raising a family there. He spent the rest of his working career doing social work, child welfare and family counseling

(All information about James Hair was taken from his memoirs as recorded in the book "The Golden Thirteen, Recollections of the First Black Naval Officers," edited by Paul Stillwell and printed by the Naval Institute Press.)

Principal: Tony Flowers ready to come home to lead Williston-Elko High School

as a scholar-athlete and then as a teacher and coach. High standards for academic and athletic achievement, community support, and an actively involved administration and faculty have been hallmarks of Williston-Elko High School and are what attracted me to come back home. I am excited to get to reconnect with the school and community on a daily basis and look forward to helping lead Williston-Elko High School down a continued path of excellence and to venture to new heights," said Flowers, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in Historv and a Master of Arts in Teaching: Secondary Social Studies from the University of South Carolina.

From 2004 to 2020, Flowers worked at WEHS of the bigger picture of the as a social studies teacher and athletic coach. He was twice recognized as that system to the benefit WEHS Teacher of the Year and was part of the 2009 Class A Division II State Football Championship coaching staff. After earning a Master of Education: Administration and Supervision from Southern Wesleyan to the community and

ers accepted a job as assistant principal of Swansea High School in Lexington School District Four. Now he's ready to use his experience to lead his alma mater.

"The many different roles I have experienced during my 18 years in education have prepared me for this next step in my career. My years as a teacher taught me how to plan, evaluate, motivate, and build relationships. My years of coaching gave me the experience to make adjustments in the face of adversity and to get everyone to buy into the 'team' concept. The last two years serving as an assistant principal have given me the opportunity to work with a variety of stakeholders and to have an understanding educational system and how to lead and manage of all those involved," said Flowers

over many years, first University in 2020, Flow- family atmosphere that has always been a big part of the success of the school. The ability to reconnect with familiar staff members, scholars, parents, and community members is exciting and the feeling is enhanced by the opportunity to meet and serve a new generation of Blue Devils and their families," he said.

Outgoing WEHS Principal John Bradley worked with Flowers for two years. During this time, he said he witnessed how Flowers naturally builds positive and lasting relationships with the scholars and members of the community. This ability will continue to benefit him professionally but will really benefit the community and school moving forward.

"He possesses a gift what is best for the school and scholars. Williston-Elko High School is blessed to have him returning as the school leader in the coming years. His vision will be one of making sure all of the scholars and staff have the skills needed to be successful," said Bradley.

Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw, who is interim superintendent-elect of the consolidated district, said Flowers stood out as the best candidate because his vision for WEHS aligns with the district's. Mr. Flowers has an ex-

ceptionally, clear understanding of ensuring college and career readiness for all scholars, which is a goal for WEHS. Mr. Flowers had remarkable evidence of proving himself as a life-long learner, staying abreast of current issues and trends in education, and he was wellversed on the relational aspect of leading a school and transforming a school culture. Finally, Mr. Flowers spoke in depth about scholar and community engagement, which is a priority for WEHS," said of being able to analyze Shaw. "Mr. Flowers' posisituations and then doing tive attitude and scholarcentered approach will steer our high school into the future. His passion for inspiring scholars and connecting with the community makes him an exceptional choice for WEHS," she said. Though educators have navigated uncharted waters the last two years

Williston District 29 during the pandemic, Flowers said he wants to "work with all stakeholders to enter a new era of education as we learn from what has been successful during that time period and address the challenges that have pecome evident."

He said it is an exciting time for Barnwell 19 and Williston 29 as the two districts become Barnwell County Consolidated School District on July 1. He looks forward to working with Principal Christina Snider at Blackville-Hilda High during the "process to discover how the high schools can complement one another to offer the best educational experience for all our scholars. The ultimate goal is to create college and career-ready scholars who are able to become outstanding citizens in Barnwell County," he

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ar over a four-year period. Through the building of relationships, an educator is able to help a scholar discover their 'why' and to know that you have played a part in that process is very rewarding," Flowers said.

Flowers looks forward to working with the faculty, staff, scholars, parents, and community to make WEHS the best school possible.

"As the saying goes, we are better together and I am ready to get to work in the near future. Go Big Blue!" he said.

Flowers and his wife, Bobbi Jean, a budget analyst for Richland School District One, have three children - 10-year-old twins Addison and Easton, and their younger brother Maddox, 9. All three are enrolled in the German immersion program at Deerfield Elementary in Lexington School

Though becoming a principal was a career goal, he's excited about the chance to come home to WEHS.

"I am looking forward

said.

When asked what he enjoys most about being an educator, Flowers said it's the relationships that are formed while engaged in the educational process. "At the high school level, it is rewarding to see the growth of a schol-

District One.

He enjoys traveling with his family, supporting his children in their extracurricular activities, and playing competitive and recreational disc golf.

Flowers also looks forward to returning to his Blue Devil roots.

Jobs: Kansas-based cabinet and door manufacturer creating 101 new jobs in Barnwell

Barnwell County pro- man Harold Buckmon. vides another boost. Today's announcement of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III.

SouthernCarolina Alliance Chairman Marty Sauls congratulates Barnwell County on landing this manufacturing operation that will "provide good jobs and tax revenue to fuel the engine of our regional economy. We salute Koch & Co. and will continue to assist them in growing their operations here," he said.

"Barnwell County welcomes Koch & Co., Inc. to our industrial community, and we thank them for the 101 jobs they are creating. Every good job makes a difference for our families, and we look forward to providing a pro-business environment for their

to build on its success manufacturing operation in the manufacturing in our county for years sector, and Koch & Co., to come," said Barnwell Inc's new operation in County Council Chair-

Established in 1989, Koch & Co., Inc. specialfurther proves our pro- izes in high-quality, afbusiness efforts are pay- fordable doors and cabiing off," said Secretary nets and offers custom services for customers including sanding, finishing, assembly, packaging and shipping. With a focus on sustainability, the company recycles all wood waste material by producing wood pellets, uses energy-efficient lighting in its facilities and all of its products are California Air Resources Board (CARB) Phase II compliant.

"We have a true, unique American story. Our owner truly believes in American made. We take a lot of pride in that," said Larry Kuckelman, chief financial officer for Koch & Co. That's why they source as many American-made products for their products as possible.

The company has

facility to facilities in 12 locations that employ more than 700 people. Their success story continues to grow with the expansion in Barnwell. "First and foremost,

I'd like to say thank you to SouthernCarolina Alliance for the work they have done to help make this happen, and for their continued work in

Koch and Co., we thank you for investing in our community. As mayor, vou dream of having opportunities such as this. Koch & Co. have not only given the citizens of Barnwell and the surrounding areas, the opportunity to provide for their families, but it's also a sense of hope that better days are ahead. in Seneca, Kansas.

grown from one small rural South Carolina. To We look forward to a lifelong partnership and the growth of both Koch and Co and the City of Barnwell," said City of Barnwell Mayor Marcus Rivera.

During their search for a new location, Kuckelman said the company found the right fit in Barnwell, which reminds them of their homebase

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"We like Barnwell because we are from a smaller community in Kansas. We are not a bigcity company. We like to be actively involved in the community," said the CFO.

Will Kearse, chairman of Barnwell County Economic Development Commission, thanks SouthernCarolina Alliance for this win, which he called "another steppingstone to a brighter future for Barnwell County." He also thanks Koch & Company for creating new jobs and prosperity for the community.

Operations are expected to be online in the second quarter of 2022. The company has already hired three people at the Barnwell facility, but plans to add more in the coming months, said Kuckelman.

Individuals interested in joining the Koch & Co., Inc. team should visit the company's website, https://kochandco. com/contact.

One style of kitchen cabinets that Koch & Co. produces. The company plans to open a new facility in Barnwell later this year.



Eubanks named 'Champion for Children'

Contributed Barnwell District 45

s part of the state's efforts to assist communities with vaccinations, the South Carolina Department of Education launched Take Your Shot, a vaccination education initiative, in several counties across the state. The program was implemented in our area to help support local school districts during the pandemic, encourage vaccinations for families and community members, and offer information and resources to local residents throughout Barnwell County.

Eubanks DeWayne served as Barnwell County's Ambassador "In It to Win It" working along-side the South Carolina Department of Education and school districts across Barnwell County to distribute information and educate families and community members about the importance of getting vaccinated. During that

time, Eubanks worked directly with MUSC to implement vaccination clinics in the school district for children ages 5 and up, as well as community members who wanted to participate.

"We deeply appreciate Mr. Eubanks being a champion for our children," said BSD45 Superintendent Crissie Stapleton. "His dedication to the health of our children and families is applauded and appreciated, and we cannot thank him enough for helping make the district's local vaccination clinics a success. Parents who wanted to have their children vaccinated were provided with that option because of his efforts.

Eubanks' motto remains, "Protect yourself and others." BSD45 will continue Each book's inside cover working with Mr. Eubanks in the coming months to provide additional vaccination options to families within the district, as well as those beyond.

As part of the Healthy efforts, Warhorses health-related books



D45 Superintendent Crissie Stapleton presents DeWayne Eubanks a gift basket in appreciation for his efforts with the Take Your Shot campaign.

ies across the district in honor of Eubanks. reads, "This book is ded-icated to Mr. DeWayne Eubanks for his dedication and commitment to helping keep our families and our community safe during the COV-ID-19 pandemic."

Recently, Barnwell were placed in librar- School District 45 pre-





DeWayne Eubanks reviews the health-related children's books that were donated to District 45 in his honor. Each book has a message (at left) that the book is in his honor.

sented Eubanks with portunity to see many of a certificate of appre- the books, dedicated in ciation and a Warhorse his honor, which will be Pride gift basket. Eu- in the hands of children banks also had an op- across the district.

Vests: Barnwell County Sheriff's Office receives bullet proof vests

care for law enforcement officers. Protecting them, helping defend them in civil litigation, and providing training.

In November 2021, two S.C. House Representatives, Micah Caskey and Chris Wooten, saw a need that there were some police officers in the state a check for \$27,000. So, riding around either with no bullet proof vests at all, or vests that were expired.

"A lot of people don't realize that those things expire after five years; they're not guaranteed anymore," said Jones.

fast that they have, which supports the Lexington County area and different services, to donate the money they raised for law enforcement to buy these vests. Jones was happy to be part of it.

⁷Little did I know they were going to drop us we were able to buy 39 vests and we reached out to different departments across the state that may be one or two short here or there. I'm from Bamberg County. I grew up in that end of the state and knew The two representatives that with budget limita- mor vests were built spe-

doesn't always get some of the perks that some of the bigger departments around Christmas time get, so I reached out to Sergeant Kirkland (F/Sgt. Erik Kirkland, community relations officer with the BCSO) and asked, 'Do y'all have a need for this?' and he said, 'Absolutely, we need some.'

"To know that an agency like the SCLEOA included us in a dispersion started. It wasn't as nice. of those vests, I think that's highly recognizable, and I really think that's a blessing," Kirkland said.

The premier body ar-

the sole goal of providing decided in a yearly break- tions, that end of the state cifically for the officers this saves not only us, them at the end of their here in Barnwell.

"We got a donation and were able to fit 10 officers from Barnwell County Sheriff's Office," Jones said. "They came up and got fitted and the vests are level 3A which is very, very good equip-ment. The sheriff and I didn't get to wear that kind of stuff when we first It's a lighter vest and it's better formed so it won't be as hot. And it keeps them safe.'

but it saves the citizens of Barnwell County anywhere around \$10,000 that we would have had to buy the vests for. For being a donation, it's very much appreciated by all the citizens of the county. We are extremely grateful to the S.C. Chiefs Association for their generosity. Our first responders are on the front lines everyday protecting the citizens of this county. We make every effort to ensure that they have all the training and equipment needed "We do really appreciate these vests because to do their job safely and adequately. We also want FROM PAGE 1A

tour of duty to go home safe," said Griffith. "We are extremely proud and grateful to the S.C. Chief's Association Executive Director John 'J.J.' Jones for rewarding our agency with such valuable and needed equipment."

"That's our job. We take care of our deputies and our officers," Jones replied. "SCLEOA supports our local law enforcement. We want our Barnwell County deputies to be safe and secure in their jobs."

Afterall Barnwell, let's not forget, they rightly are local heroes.

Attention: Current & Former Savannah River Site Workers

The Office of the Ombudsman, an independent office within the U.S. Department of Labor:

- Provides information to you and others on the benefits available under the EEOICPA;
- Provides guidance and assistance to EEOICPA claimants; and

• Submits to Congress an annual report setting forth the number and types of complaints, grievances, and requests for assistance received by our office, and assesses the most common difficulties encountered by claimants and potential claimants during the past year.

What this means for you is that if you or anyone you know has questions, concerns or would like additional information on the EEOICPA you can contact our office.



The Office for the Ombudsman for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program is pleased to provide information on the new Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) for current and former Savannah River Site workers. If you or a loved one qualify for the Special Exposure Cohort (described below) and were diagnosed with a specified cancer, you may be eligible for compensation and/or medical benefits from the Department of Labor under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

Special Exposure Cohort: All construction trade employees of Department of Energy subcontractors* who worked at the Savannah River Site from October 1, 1972, through December 31, 1990, for a number of workdays aggregating at least 250 workdays, occurring either solely under this employment or in combination with workdays within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort.

*Excluding employees of the following prime contractors who worked at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, SC, during the specified time periods: E.I. du Pont de Nemours Company, October 1, 1972, through March 31, 1989; and Westinghouse Savannah River Company, April 1, 1989, through December 31, 1990

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YOUR NEWS!



The Jordan Missionary Baptist Church invites you to their Spring Revival. The Guest Revivalist is Rev. Lester Myers from New Zion Baptist Church, Williamsburg, VA. Please join us

200 Skyland Farm Rd, Williston, SC invites you to their Spring Revival on 2 pm.

Center of Hope Community Fellowship Winton Inn Conference Room 8-9pm on Tuesdays 7pm on Sundays Christ Presbyterian Church

848 Hagood Ave., Barnwell Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Wednesday 6

9:15am - Sunday school 10:30am - Morning worship service 5:30pm - Bible study 6:45pm - Evening worship

service WEDNESDAY 7:00pm - Prayer service Ned Branch Mission-

ary Baptist Church 10620 Dunbarton Boulevard, Barnwell inside Services; Sunday school at 9 a.m. and services at 10 a.m. Bible study is held Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. Please wear a mask.

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Barnwell Library

CHILDREN

<u>Mar. 17 & 31</u> STORY TIME- At the Children's Room Barnwell Masks are strongly encouraged for this event for

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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Coffee Club & Current Events 8:30am-9:30am

Mondays **Health** Topic 9:30-10:00am Tai Chi 10:00-10:30am

AARP Topic 10:30-11:00am

Tuesdays/Thursdays exercise with Ernie

Health Center Board of Directors will meet virtually on 5:30 p.m. For more information call 803-508-7809.

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3rd Wednesdays The Barnwell Non-Profit Roundtable

All Non-Profits are invited to attend to get to know various organizations and serve our community. We discuss problems, hopes, what's working and what is not. 218 Main St. Barnwell, SC 8-9am

Make Your Own- Take Home Kit Mar. 21

Flower Book mark These two kits will be for take home only. Kits are appropriate for ages 3+.

Mar. 30 Grab and GO-Stop by and grab a fun Spring Activity Packet. Packets are appropriate for ages 3+ and their. families.

Mar. 25 Pancake Supper and Benefit Auction: Calvary Mennonite School Pancake, sausage, bacon, eggs, homemade cinnamon rolls Children under 3 free 4-10 years old \$7 Adults \$10 Benefit Auction: Hand stitched quilts, crafts, 10x12 storage building, tools, baked goods, in-home meals, lo-

cal beef, etc. Calvary Mennonite School 2436 Healing Springs Bd. Blackville, SC 29817 803-671-0484 5-8PM

Anglican Church of the Holy Apostles

228 Hagood Ave. Holy Eucharist service Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning prayer/breakfast service al 8 a.m. Vicar Bill Clarkson

Barnwell United Methodist Church

236 Main Street 803-259-3331 Sunday Services & activi-Lies: 9:15 Coffee Fellowship in Crenshaw Hall 10:00 Adult Sunday School in Crenshaw Hall 10:15 Youth Sunday School 11:00 Traditional worship service and Children's Sunday School Monthly activities: United Methodist Women date announced each month Barnwell Soup Kitchen -10:45 every 3rd Monday at First Baptist Crochet Comforters -10:00 on 4th Saturday

Bells Chapel Pentecostal Holiness

83 Week Ave. Olar Sundays - 10:30am Pastor Thomas Caldwell calth02@yahoo.com (803) 335-9121, (803) 671-6369



First Baptist Church of Barnwell

161 Allen St, Barnwell, SC 29812

Contemporary Service Sundays 9:00am Traditional Service Sundays 11:00am Watch on facebook or listen in the parking lot over 90.5

Friendship Baptist Church Sunday School

5801 Friendship Rd, Barnwell, SC 29812 Sundays - Assembly 9:45am, Sunday School at 10am, Worship at 11am Discipleship Training Sundays - 6pm, Worship at 7pm

<u>llope Community</u> Church of God.

785 Main St., Barnwell. Sunday School 10:00am Sunday Worship 11:00am Wednesday Service 7pm

Jordan Missionary Baptist

200 Skyland Farm Road, Williston Sunday School 2nd - 5th Sundays 9:30am Worship 2nd-5th Sundays 10:30am Please wear a mask.

Second Baptist Church <u>of Barnwell</u> 181 Church St, Barnwell,

SC 29812 Pull up, Park, & Praise 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:00am (803) 259-1385 www.facebook.com/SB-CBarnwell

St. Paul Missionary <u>Baptist Church</u>

Snelling Park & Praise Service 2nd & 4th Sundays -10:00am Face masks should be worn at all times.

Unity Baptist Church

Pastor Brian Howard 5504 Hilda Bd Blackville, SC 29817 Sunday School: 9:45am Sunday Worship: 11am and 6pm Mid week service: Thursdays JAM kids (supper provided) 6pm and Adult service 7pm

Victory Baptist Church

3361 Hwy 70 Barnwell, SC 29812 Sunday Worship at 11:00 amInterim Preacher Terry Woodside

10-11am Bingo llam <u>Wednesdays</u> Phoenix Project 10-11am

<u>Fridays</u>

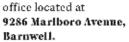
Computer Tech 9:30-10am Book Read 10-11am Crafts 11-Noon



<u>April 2</u> Community Trash Pickup

The Ivy Garden Club and the Town of Williston will be hosting a community trash pick-up. Meet at Folk Funeral

year old Montessori, 4 year old CERDEP, and 5 year old Kindergarten for the 2022-All kindergarten students must be 5 years of age on Registration packets can be picked up in the main



The packet contains a list of required documents that will need to be turned in along with the completed registration packet.

Community Outreach, Stop the Violence: Speakers will include -A.V. Strong, Gang relation activist; John Holston Blackville Community

Center, Blackville, SC 🥈 18AM-2PM

Apr. 16

Easter Egg Hunt: Town of Williston, please bring your Easter basket. Age groups- 3 & under: 4-6; and 7-10. Williston Town Park

Contact: Shannon Mundy, 803-300-1912



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and disperse to 4 different roads. Bags, trash sticks, neon vest, and gloves will be available to use. 10 a.m.

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Family Game Night Everyone is welcome for a community game night. Country Cupboard 6:30-8:00pm





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Case Number 2022 FS 06 00033 Personal Representative: Christopher A. Moody Address: 505 Halford Street, Wil-

liston, S.C. 29853. March 2, 9, 16, 2022

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Estate: Daisy Mae Mindy

Date of Death: January 28, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00036 Personal Representative: David

Address: 833 Walker Street, Blackville, S.C. 29817 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-44 3tp 03-23-22

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE

COUNTY OF CHARLESTON NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO 2021-DR-10-3539 CARL E. DAVIS, JR., Plaintiff

SUMMONS

VS.

CAROL R. TOOMER DAVIS, Defendant TO: THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED. and required to Answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint upon the Plaintiff's attorney, Tyla N Bowman, Esquire at P.O. Box 63384, North Charleston, SC 29419-2252 within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you, not counting the day of service. If you fail to Answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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Estate: Wayne T. Grubbs Date of Death February 10, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00039 Personal Representative Kathy W. Grubbs

Address 2555 Friendship Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-43 3tp 03-23-22

TYLAN BOWMAN ESQUIRE Attorney for the Plaintiff P.O. Box 63384 North Charleston, SC 29419-2252 T (843) 300-0373 E tyla@bowman-law.net December 2, 2021 North Charleston, SC 2022-45 3tc 03-23-22

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE FAMILY COURT SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF

BARNWELL

Case No. 20-DR-06-155 South Carolina Department of Social Services, Plaintiff.

SUMMONS, NOTICE OF HEARING

Demelia L. Gates Defendants.

MS

IN THE INTERESTS OF: Minor children born in 2019 10: Demelia L. Gates YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Summons, Notice of Hearing, Complaint in and to the minor child in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Barnwell County Office of the Clerk of Court at 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, on November 5, 2020, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the attorney. Susanna Ringler, for the Plaintiff at 1410 Park Ave S.E P.O Drawer 1268 Aiken, SC 29802, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, the Plaintiff will apply for judgment by default against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you have the right to be present and represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you. It is your respon sibility to contact the Barnwell County Clerk of Court's Office, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, to apply for appointment of an attorney to represent you if you cannot afford an attorney (take all of these papers with you Page 16A • Wednesday, March 16, 2022 • The People-Sentinel

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if you apply). YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR AN ATTORNEY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT, AN ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE APPOINTED FOR YOU.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a Non-Emergency Removal Hearing will be held in this matter on May 11, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. at the Barnwell County Courthouse lo cated at 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812. Please get in contact with Barnwell County Department of Social Services legal depart. ment for further instructions if you do not attend, the relief sought may be granted in your absence. 2022-46 3tc 03-23-22

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Estate: Hammie James Brooks Date of Death: July 21, 2020 Case Number: 2021 ES 06 00106 Personal Representative: Sandra Brooks

Address: 2143 Silverdale Road, Augusta, GA 30906 Co-Personal Representative: Karen Brooks Courtney Address: 2143 Silverdale Road, Augusta, GA 30906

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Estate: Charles Perry Zom Date of Death February 4, 2022 ase Number: 2022 ES 06 0004

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Address: /824 Bluff Road, Allendale, S.C. 29810 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-49 3tp 03-23-22

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All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file Their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Allendale County, the address of which is 292 Barnwell Highway. Allendale. S C 29810, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publica tion of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #3/1ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant. the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Minnie I. Walker

Date of Death: September 23. 2021

Case Number: 2021 ES 03 00112 Personal Representative: Reggie Walker Address: 1363 Appleton Road, Allendale, S.C. 29810

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NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NUMBER 2022 ES-06-00023 2022 FS-06-00022 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL IN THE MATTER OF: RALPH FRNEST WILLIAMSON AND ANNIE LAURA WITH IAMSON (Decedent) DATE: April 22, 2022 TIME: 2:00 PM PLACE Barnwell County Probate Court, 57 Wall Street, Suite 108, Barnwell, SC 29812 PURPOSE OF HEARING*: Potition to determine heirs of Ralph Ernest Williamson and Annie Laura Williamson Executed this 18th day February, 2022 Rosalyn Henderson-Myers, Esp. Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 3341, Spartanburg, S.C.

29304 (864) 345-2221

thmyets@hendersonlawgroupsc com

NOTE Probate Court recommends that all interested parties be represented by counsellicensed to practice law in South Carolina If any interested party wishes to represent him/herself, he/she will be required to adhere to the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and South Carolina Rules of Evidence.

*When sending Notice of Hearing to interested parties upon whom pleadings were not required to be served, attach the petition of motion to be held

SUMMONS IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NUMBER 2022 ES-06-00023 022 ES-06-00022 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL IN THE MATTER OF: RALPH ERNEST WILLIAMSON ANNIE LAURA WILLIAMSON ERNEST RUTH WILLIAMSON JORDAN (Petitioner)

JOHN DOE (Respondent).

Petitioner will respectfully show unto this Honorable Court that: Petitioner, Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan, is the surviving daughter of Decedents Ralph Ernest Williamson and Annie Laura Williamson and a resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Respondent. John Doe is a poten tial heir of the Decedents and has not yet been identified.

Decedents Annie Laura Williamson and Ralph Ernest Williamson married on April 3, 1946, in Barnwell County, South Carolina and remained married until the death of Decedent Annie Laura Williamson.

Decedent, Ralph Ernest Williamson died intestate in Richland County, South Carolina on July 22, 1997. Decedent Ralph Ernest Williamson's estate was never probated. A copy of his death certificate is attached

At the time of his death, Decedent Ralph Finest Williamson was a resident of Barnwell County, South Carolina

Decedent Annie Laura Williamson, died intestate in Aiken County, South Carolina on June 8, 1995. Decedent Annie Laura Williamson's estate was never probated. A certified copy of her death certificate is attached.

At the time of Decedent Annie Laura Williamson's death, Decedent Ralph Finest Williamson and Annie Éaura Williamson held 100% interest in joint tenancy in certain realproperty located at 2507 Gadson St., Barnwell County, South Carolina (TMS) No. 091-03-02-011} as owners in joint tenancy. A copy of the deed is attached hereto and made part of this Potition.

The Probate Court of Barnwell County has subject matter jurisdiction of these proceedings pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. & 62-1-302 (a) (1), 1976 as amended.

Venue is properly laid in Barnwell County pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. & 62-3-201 (a) (1),

1976 as amended

Decedents had one child during their life, Ruth Jordan, born on May 19, 1949, in Barnwell County, South Carolina A certified copy of the child's birth certificate is attached hereto and made a part of this Potition

At the time of the Decedent Annie Laura Williamson's death subject property passed intestate to the surviving spouse, Decedent Ralph Ernest Williamson with 1/2 interest, and the child, Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan with 1/2 interest At the time of Decedent Ralph Finest Williamson's death, his interest passed to their daughter Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan Petitioner, Ernest Ruth Williamson ordan is the only heir of the estates of Ralph Ernest Williamson

and Annie Laura Williamson WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully pray that this Court issue its Order determining that: Decedent, Ralph Ernest Williamson, died intestate in Barnwell South Carolina on July 22 1997, leaving his daughter, Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan as heir Decedent, Annie Laura Williamson, died intestate in Aiken County, South Carolina on June 8, 1995, leaving her husband, Ralph Ernest Williamson with 1/2 interest and her daughter, Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan with 1/2 interest. At present, the only lawful heir of the Decedents is their surviving daughter, Finest Ruth Williamson Jordan and her intestate share is 100% 4.. And such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper. Respectfully Submitted, Rosalyn Henderson-Myers Attorney for Petitioner Spartanburg, South Carolina 1st day of February, 2022 Ralph Ernost Williamson (d, 1997)

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after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written. statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim. will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: John Gary Driggers Jr. Date of Death: February 7, 2022 Case Number: 2021 ES 03 00016 Personal Representative: Sherry Brant Address: 306 Shady Grove Road.

Ulmer, S.C. 29849. March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-52 3tp 03-23-22

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Estate: Clarence Marvin Jones Date of Death: June 25, 2021 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00012 Personal Representative: Dwight David Jones Address: 236 E. Westbrook Road,

Brookville, Ohio 45309 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-53 3tp 03-23-22

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Estate: Judith Ann Jones Date of Death. November 7, 2021.

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Estate: Linda Frazier Morris Date of Death: February 15, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00041 Personal Representative: Adadra

B. Neville. Address: 100 Fairway Drive, Williston, S.C. 29853 March 16, 23, 30, 2022

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Estate: Myrna B. Wilson Date of Death, February 23, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00020 Personal Representative Paula W. Wall

Address P.O. Box 338, Fairfax, S.C. 29827

Co-Personal Representative David Wilson Address 1481 Concord Church

Road, Allendale, S.C. 29810 March 16, 23, 30, 2022. 2022-56 3tp 03-30-22

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Estate: Barbara 1, Sanders

Date of Death: February 1, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00038 Personal Representative: Jerry L. Boditord

Address: P.O. Box 242, Barnwell, S.C. 29812

Attorney: Thomas M. Boulware Address: P.O. Box 248, Barnwell. S C 29812

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Estate: Janet S. Odom

Date of Death: February 15, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00019 Personal Representative: William J. Odom Jr.

Address: 654 Cedar Knoll Read, Fairfax, S.C. 29827 March 16, 23, 30, 2022 2022-58 3tp 03-30-22

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Estate: Alice P. Godwin Date of Death: Jan. 16, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00010 Personal Representative: Candiss K. Braxton

Address: /190 Hopewell Road, Estill, S.C. 29918 arch 16, 23, 30, 2022

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Personal Representative Linda S. Zorn Address 767 Zorn Drive, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-48 3tp 03-23-22

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Date of Death: December 5, 2021 Case Number 2022 FS 03 00015 Personal Representative: Eugene Marie

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Respondent TO THE RESPONDENT LISTED ABOVE

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Petition in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the Petitioner(s) listed above at the following address(es): Rosalyn Henderson-Myers, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 3341 Spartanburg, SC 29304 Your Answer must be served on the Petitioner at the above ad dress within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Petition upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Petition within that time, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

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